

15. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

15.5 ASSOCIATION OF BLIND CITIZENS OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Traffic Lights – Kerrs and Buckleys Road, Bromley

The Board considered a letter from the Association of Blind Citizens of New Zealand Inc which raised concerns at the proposed road alterations and traffic lights at the intersection of Kerrs and Buckleys Roads in Bromley.

Mr Kevin Murray, the Chairman of the Association and Mrs Gloria Weeks, the secretary addressed the Board expressing their concerns over the layout of the new traffic lights at this intersection and their concern that the proposed arrangements were hazardous, especially to children, the elderly and the disabled and that this layout was a “recipe for disaster”. Mr Murray believed that the pedestrian crossing should be placed across both sides of the road. He stated that the central waiting space provided is not suitable for persons relying upon guide dogs which are not trained to handle such a situation, which increases the stress on the dogs.

The Traffic Engineer: Major Roads and Transport Improvements, Brian Neill, undertook that these concerns would be very carefully investigated and brought back to the Board.

The Board **agreed** to invite Mr Murray and Mrs Weeks to attend a seminar meeting of the Board with Brian Neill to discuss ways of making life easier for blind and disabled persons.